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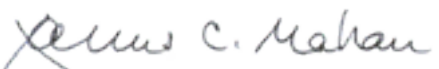
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ORDER

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1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that respondents shall have forty-five (45) days from the
2 date of entry of this order to answer or otherwise respond to the amended petition (ECF No. 18).
3 Respondents shall raise all potential affirmative defenses in the initial responsive pleading,
4 including lack of exhaustion and procedural default. Successive motions to dismiss will not be
5 entertained. If respondents file and serve an answer, then they shall comply with Rule 5 of the
6 Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, and then petitioner shall
7 have forty-five (45) days from the date on which the answer is served to file a reply. If respondents
8 file a motion, then the briefing schedule of Local Rule LR 7-2 shall apply.

9 DATED: December 19, 2017.

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12 JAMES C. MAHAN
13 United States District Judge
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